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## North Dakota Department of Health Investigating Storm Sewer Discharge in North Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – On July 5, 2014, the North Dakota Department of Health received a report of a light-colored discharge from the storm sewer outfall on 19<sup>th</sup> Street north of Century Avenue in Bismarck. The drainage leads into Hay Creek, although it is not clear at this time whether the discharge has reached Hay Creek. The department has collected samples and is in the process of analyzing the material in their laboratory in Bismarck.

The department traced the discharge to a construction site near the former Home Depot where a Courtyard by Marriott hotel is being constructed. Health department and City of Bismarck officials have taken immediate action to notify TMI Hospitality, the owner of the hotel, about the discharge and are taking steps to make sure no further discharge occurs from the site.

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